

IC 9-32-4

Chapter 4. Obtaining, Expiration, Replacement, and Transfer of Certificate of Title

IC 9-32-4-1

Transfer of title; sale of vehicle without certificate of title; failure to deliver certificate of title; timely payment to this party

Sec. 1. (a) If a vehicle for which a certificate of title has been issued is sold or if the ownership of the vehicle is transferred in any manner other than by a transfer on death conveyance under IC 9-17-3-9, in addition to complying with IC 9-17-3-3.4, the person who holds the certificate of title must do the following:

(1) In the case of a sale or transfer between vehicle dealers licensed by this state or another state, deliver the certificate of title within twenty-one (21) days after the date of the sale or transfer.

(2) Deliver the certificate of title to the purchaser or transferee within twenty-one (21) days after the date of sale or transfer to the purchaser or transferee of the vehicle, if all the following conditions exist:

(A) The seller or transferor is a vehicle dealer licensed by the state under this article.

(B) The vehicle dealer is not able to deliver the certificate of title at the time of sale or transfer.

(C) The vehicle dealer provides the purchaser or transferee with an affidavit under section 2 of this chapter.

(D) The purchaser or transferee has made all agreed upon initial payments for the vehicle, including delivery of a trade-in vehicle without hidden or undisclosed statutory liens.

(b) A licensed dealer may offer for sale a vehicle for which the dealer does not possess a certificate of title, if the dealer can comply with subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2) at the time of the sale.

(c) A vehicle dealer who fails to deliver a certificate of title within the time specified under this section is subject to the following civil penalties:

(1) One hundred dollars (\$100) for the first violation in a calendar year.

(2) Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for the second violation in a calendar year.

(3) Five hundred dollars (\$500) for all subsequent violations in a calendar year.

Payment shall be made to the secretary of state and deposited in the dealer enforcement account established under IC 9-32-7-2.

(d) If a purchaser or transferee does not receive a valid certificate of title within the time specified by this section, the purchaser or transferee has the right to return the vehicle to the vehicle dealer ten (10) days after giving the vehicle dealer written notice demanding delivery of a valid certificate of title and the dealer's failure to deliver a valid certificate of title within that ten (10) day period. Upon return

(e) For purposes of this subsection, "timely deliver", with respect to a third party, means to deliver to the purchaser or transferee with a postmark dated or hand delivered not more than ten (10) business days after there is no obligation secured by the vehicle. If the dealer's inability to timely deliver a valid certificate of title results from the acts or omissions of a third party who has failed to timely deliver a valid certificate of title to the dealer, the dealer is entitled to claim against the third party one hundred dollars (\$100). If:

- (2) the failure continues for ten (10) business days after the dealer gives the third party written notice of the failure;

(f) If a vehicle for which a certificate of title has been issued by another state is sold or delivered, the person selling or delivering the vehicle shall deliver to the purchaser or receiver of the vehicle a proper certificate of title with an assignment of the certificate of title in a form prescribed by the bureau.

As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78. Amended by P.L.262-2013, SEC.139.

Affidavit form

STATE OF INDIANA)
) ss:

I affirm under the penalties for perjury that all of the following are true:

- (1) That I am a dealer licensed under IC 9-32.
- (2) That I cannot deliver a valid certificate of title to the retail purchaser of the vehicle described in paragraph (3) at the time of sale of the vehicle to the retail purchaser. The identity of the previous seller or transferor is _____. Payoff of lien was made on (date) _____. I expect to deliver a valid and transferable certificate of title not later than _____.

(date) _____ from the State of (state) _____ to the purchaser.

(3) That I will undertake reasonable commercial efforts to produce the valid certificate of title. The vehicle identification number is _____.

Signed _____, Dealer

By _____

Dated _____, _____

CUSTOMER ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF A COPY OF THIS AFFIDAVIT.

Customer Signature

NOTICE TO THE CUSTOMER

If you do not receive a valid certificate of title within twenty-one (21) days after the date of sale, you have the right to return the vehicle to the vehicle dealer ten (10) days after giving the vehicle dealer written notice demanding delivery of a valid certificate of title and after the vehicle dealer's failure to deliver a valid certificate of title within that ten (10) day period. Upon return of the vehicle to the vehicle dealer in the same or similar condition as when it was delivered to you, the vehicle dealer shall pay you the purchase price plus sales taxes, finance expenses, insurance expenses, and any other amount that you paid to the vehicle dealer. If a lien is present on the previous owner's certificate of title, it is the responsibility of the third party lienholder to timely deliver the certificate of title in the third party's possession to the dealer not more than ten (10) business days after there is no obligation secured by the vehicle. If the dealer's inability to deliver a valid certificate of title to you within the above-described ten (10) day period results from the acts or omissions of a third party who has failed to timely deliver the certificate of title in the third party's possession to the dealer, the dealer may be entitled to claim against the third party the damages allowed by law.

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